

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Present: Kathi Liberman, Donna Mattison, Claire Mehan, Joe Mehan, Christine Taylor, Kathy Bagley, Millie Cournoyer, Barbara Higbee, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 2012 meeting were approved: motion by Millie Cournoyer, 2nd by Chris Skowronek

Old Business: It was agreed that the event on May 15th was very successful. About 50 people participated and feedback was very positive. Many took advantage of the document shredding available after the program.

Membership: Gerri Roberts is working with the Town Clerk on a resolution to have the AARP slot deleted from the SCAC board. Also, since Joe Mehan is the incoming president of the Senior Club, he can name a designee (i.e., Barbara Higbee) as the Club rep and he can remain as the At-Large rep.

New Business: A discussion was held in response to seniors requesting more opportunities for document shredding. Various options were considered including a shredding bin on site and having a company come on a more regular basis. More research will be done and the discussion will be continued at the September meeting. It was also clear that more education should be done regarding what does and does not need to be shredded.

Committee Reports:

- Council – No report
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that things continue as they have been. New applications are being taken with a 9-12 month waiting list for seniors and families.
- Clergy – Chris Skowronek indicated that there was nothing new to report.
- Elderly Services – Chris Taylor reported that energy assistance is winding down and renter rebate starts May 15th. 592 clients were seen at Town Hall for energy assistance during the program. She is assisting residents of Executive Square with creating a tenants' association.
- WACPD – Their annual picnic is scheduled for July 18th. They are updating their resource book and preparing for Special Olympics. They are also working with the JETS high school engineering group on adaptive devices.
- Senior Club - Barbara Higbee reported that Joe Mehan will be the new president. The annual banquet will be June 6th. Funds will be donated to Dollars for Scholars (a full \$300 scholarship this year), and to Safe Graduation.
- Social Services – Donna reported that the intern working for her this semester completed her internship and was very helpful. She thanked everyone for their help at the May 15th event. She also described the “Matter of Balance” program that has gone well with good attendance. The program will be repeated starting June 14th.

Nancy reported on the two fund raising events at Panera. The first one raised \$500 for the Youth Advisory Board and the second “Spring Cleaning” drive netted 867 items for cleaning and personal hygiene for the Food Bank.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Helen Ross, 2nd by Adele Antoniou. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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